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SUBJ: INCOME TAX CONVENTION - CEAUSESCU VISIT

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH VIDROIU AND POPP OF ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE NOVEMBER 30 TO CONVEY CLARIFICATION OF U.S. POSITION ON TAXATION OF ENTERTAINERS, AND TO URGE PROMPT ACTION IN RESOLVING REMAINING ISSUES IN TAX CONVENTION. WE ALSO COORDINATED WITH MFA. MINFIN OFFICIALS SAID THEY WOULD STUDY U.S. PROPOSAL CONTAINED REFTEL AND INCLUDE RESPONSE IN OVERALL GUIDANCE MESSAGE TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHICH THEY HOPE TO SEND OUT SUNDAY OR MONDAY AT LATEST.

2. VIDROIU AND POPP EXPRESSED SOM MISGIVINGS ABOUT SHORT DEADLINE FOR SIGNING OF CONVENTION SINCE LATES MESSAGE FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY ASKED FOR GUIDANCE ON OVER 20 POINTS, AND ASKED IF USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY TRIP TO WASHINGTON OF QUOTE QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS UNQUOTE FROM MINFIN TO HANDLE FINAL STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN RELYING ON ROMANIAN EMBASSY STAFF (REF B). EMBOFF PROMISED TO CONVEY THIS TO TREASURY BUT URGED POPP AND VIDROIU, IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING UNTIL CEAUSESCU VISIT, TO COVER ALL OUTSTANDING POINTS IN NEXT MESSAGE TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY.
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